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### **New UCSLD Director**

The Board of the Umatilla County Special Library District is very pleased to announce that it has hired Erin McCusker as its new Library Director. McCusker has extensive experience in a variety of library service fields. Starting her library career in 1992, she spent 11 years in the Boise Basin Library District in Idaho, becoming its Director in 1997. She was proactive in working to build partnerships to improve library services throughout the district. She also worked with her peer directors in Idaho to expand opportunities for group purchasing and other shared benefits. McCusker then moved into the position of Library Consultant for the Idaho Commission for Libraries in Boise; she was a member of a vital team supporting library development to improve services in local communities through in-person consulting, training and grant writing support. She worked for seven years at the Commission for Libraries before moving on to Flagstaff Arizona when her husband was transferred with the Forest Service. In Arizona she worked at the main branch of the Flagstaff City – Coconino County Public Library as an adult and youth services librarian for a year before becoming a branch supervisor. The UCSLD Board recognizes this variety of library experience as excellent background for working collaboratively with the independent libraries in UCSLDs federated governance structure for their mutual benefit. McCusker received her BS in Secondary Education from Idaho State University and earned her MLS in 2004 from Emporia State University. She and her husband have settled in Pendleton, where they love the community and the beautiful Eastern Oregon area. McCusker has worked in Pendleton for a private firm in records management for the past three years. She is very happy to be back in libraries serving the public.

Formed in 1986 and governed by a five-member voter-elected Board of Directors, the Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) is an independent taxing district funded by taxpayer dollars. UCSLD's mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs, and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages, thereby strengthening their communities through individual, family, economic, and community development.

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